(b) the mechanism and the technical requirements for the prevention of gas flaring at Bombay High;

(c) the quantum of gas being flared there at present; and

(d) the reasons for extending gas flaring prevention period from 1995 to 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Bombay High, Bassein, Gandhar and a number of smaller fields in the Western offshore, Gujarat, KG and Cauvery Basins and the North-East are being commercially exploited.

(b) Gas flaring is planned to be reduced to the technical minimum level by setting up additional facilities for compression and transportation.

(e) 2.88 MMSCMD was flared in the Western Offshore in 1994-95.

(d) The essential components of the gas flaring project being handled by ONGC are likely to be completed in 1995.

Use of Fake LPG Cylinders in Uttar Pradesh

3687. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of fake LPG cylinders are being used in U. P.;

(b) if so, the number of such cylinders seized in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check such corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Some spurious LPG cylinders have been detected in Uttar Pradesh. The number of such cylinders detected in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is as under:

1992-93	1803
1993-94	1731
1994-95	20 45

(c) Inspections are carried out by field staff of LPG marketing companies to detect circulations of spurious cylinders with the distributors and transporters. However, on inspection, the spurious cylinders are mostly detected at bottling plants, where they are crushed and destroyed. When transporters and distributors are found in possession of and selling or circulating spurious cylinders, warning is issued to them and a penal recovery of Rs. 1500.- per spurious cylinder is made from them.

Import of Crude and Petroleum Products

3688. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the international trend in the price of crude petroleum during the last three years;

(b) the minimum and maximum price of standard crude during 1992 and 1993;

(c) the latest estimate of the total quantity of crude and petroleum to be imported and the foreign exchange outlay thereon;

(d) the unit price paid for imported crude during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(e) the demand and requirement of crude and petroleum products, State-wise, during 1994-95, particularly in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) (b) and (d) The prices of crude oil in he volatile international market are subject to wide fluctuations. The weighted average uuit price paid for imported crude during 1991-92, 1992—93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 was as under:--

	Rate in US $/barrel	
1991-92	17 07	
1992-93	17.88	
993-94	14 65	
1994-95	16.00	(Provisional)

(c) The Oil Economy Budget for import of crude oil and petroleum products for 1995-96 is yet to be finalised.

(e) State-wise consumption of petroleum products during April, 1994—January 1995 is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Import of crude oil and petroleum products

State/Union Territory	Consumption April--January 1994-95 (Provisional) (TMT)
A. *NORTHERN REGION*	
Jammu & Kashmir	348.2
Punjab	2886.0
Rajasthan	2479.8
Uttar Pradesh	5798.7
Haryana	1816.7
Himachal Pradesh	209.4
Chandigarh	151.6
Delhi	2202.5
Total (Northern Region)	15892.9

State/Union Territory	Consumption April – January, 1994-95 (Provisional) (TMT)
B. *NORTH EAST REGION*	
Assam	779.8
Manipur	61.0
Meghalaya	101.0
Nagaland	44.8
Sikkim	16.6
Tripura	661.6
Arunachal Pradesh	76.1
Mizoram	31.1
Total (North East) :	1171.9
C. *EASTERN REGION*	
Bihar	2659.5
Orissa	1072.7
West Bengal	2796.3
Andaman & Nicobar	43.5
Total (East Region)	6572.0
D. *WESTERN REGION*	
Goa	564.9
Gujarat	5482.2
Madhya Pradesh	2522.2
Maharashtra	8427.8
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	30.9
Daman & Diu	13.7
Total (Western Region)	17041.7

State/Union Territory	Consumption April–January 1994-95 (Provisional) (TMT)
E. *SOUTHERN REGION*	
Andhra Pradesh	3357.9
Kerala	1953 0
Tamil Nadu	4591.3
Karnataka	2618.2
Lakshadeep	0.4
Pondicherry	126 6
TOTAL (Southern Region)	12667.3
GRAND TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E)	53345.7

Increase in the Supply of Kerosene to Gujarat

3689. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has sent any request to inclease the supply to kerosene to Vadodra Surat, Bharuch and Panchmahal district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA):(a) to (c) The Central Government makes only bulk allocation of kersosene to the States| UTs. and its district-wise allocation is the responsibility of the State Government.

Production of Paraffin wax, Type II by SSI Units

3690. SHRI S. MUTHUMANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SSI units in the country are capable of production Paraffin Wax Type-II from the slack wax of IOC, Barauni;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IOC Barauni is not releasing slack wax to SSI Units which are capable of producing Paraffin Wax Type-II, for production thereof from the slack wax;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not releasing slack wax for the production of Paraffin Wax Type-II by the SSI Units;

(d) what is the total quantity of slack wax released to SSI Units during 1993-94 for Paraffin Wax Type-II and III separately; and